

1 *man be added to, or not be added to, the report of the*
2 *selection board for officers recommended for promotion.*
3 *After final action by the Secretary of Defense, the*
4 *report of the selection board, as modified in accordance*
5 *with subsection (b) and the decisions of the Secretary*
6 *of Defense, shall be considered for all purposes to be*
7 *the report of the selection board.”.*

8 **(c) PROMOTION POLICIES FOR JOINT SERVICE**
9 **OFFICERS.—**

10 **(1) RELATIVE PROMOTION RATES.—***Chapter 36*
11 *of such title is amended by inserting after section 626*
12 *end the following new section:*

13 **“§ 626a. Promotion policy for joint service officers**

14 *“The Secretary of Defense shall establish policies to*
15 *ensure that, whenever practicable, selection of officers on the*
16 *active-duty list for promotion under this chapter is carried*
17 *out in a manner consistent with the following policies:*

18 **“(1) JOINT STAFF OFFICERS.—***Officers who are*
19 *-serving on, or have served on, the Joint Staff shall, as*
20 *a group, be promoted at a rate not less than the rate for*
21 *officers of the same armed force in the same grade and*
22 *competitive category who are serving or have served on*
23 *the headquarters staff of their armed force.*

24 **“(2) JOINT SPECIALTY OFFICERS.—***Officers*
25 *with the joint specialty under chapter 38 of this title*